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POOR MARKSMANSHIP.

Elmer J. Gooden Owes His Life to Guns in the Hands of Novices.

Was Under Arrest for Passing Worthless Check and Escapes from an Officer Midst a Shower of Bullets, None of Which Took Effect.

Eleven shots from revolvers in the hands of H. N. Schell and Charley Collier failed to penetrate the intended mark late Saturday night at the depot. Elmer J. Gooden, who claimed to be a horse buyer for the government, was the target at which so many bullets figured and he was making a dash for liberty when the shower of lead followed. Schell, who was acting as deputy sheriff, insists that two of his shots took effect, but Collier says his bullets penetrated the atmosphere and were only intended to frighten the fleeing man, who made good his escape.

Elmer J. Gooden is the name of the man who escaped with his life amidst the hot fire. At least that is the name he used when he registered at the Commercial last Friday, giving Kansas City as his residence. He represented that he was advance agent for a regular army captain of the quartermaster's department of the army and came here to buy horses. To some persons, however, he gave his occupation as a printer for a local paper. This is no doubt his real occupation as he had a traveling card issued by the Kansas City Typographical union which he showed to a number of persons.

Shortly after his arrival in Goodland Gooden made the acquaintance of H. N. Schell, a liveryman, and to him he gave the song of horse buyer for the government. Schell showed him some horses and introduced him to farmers and others during his stay here of two days.

Gooden examined a number of horses which the owners were willing to sell to the government and he would comment on the animal's defects or fine points as the case might be. From his judge of horses many grew suspicious and did not believe that he was what he claimed to be, but he insisted that an army officer would be along in a few days to buy the stock and he was only the contracting agent.

Gooden had in his possession a draft for a large amount on a Salina bank and with this he made quite a bluff. Saturday night he called on B. F. Brown, of the Goodland City Bank, and wanted Mr. Brown to go to the bank and draw a sight draft on the Salina bank. Mr. Brown refused. Gooden's scheme was to have Brown advanced him a part on the no doubt fraudulent paper, and then skip the town.

But what Gooden was arrested for was the passing of a check for \$10 on Pat Cullins. Schell introduced the bogus horse man to Cullins and he got Cullins to let him have \$5 on the check which was drawn on a Salina bank. A little while after the transaction Cullins concluded that he had been buncoed and requested Sheriff Walker to arrest the man. Search was made by the sheriff but no trace of him could be found. Walker deputized Schell, who joined in the search, to arrest the horse man if he could be found. Schell went to the railroad yards and after a thorough investigation he went to the Depot hotel to wait the arrival of the trains as he thought that Gooden would try to get away on one of them. Schell fell asleep in a chair, but not before he told Charley Collier, the night clerk, to awaken him if the horse man appeared.

Just before the arrival of the west bound passenger Gooden entered the lunch room and ordered a lunch. After waiting upon him Collier went to the hotel office and informed Schell that his man was in the lunch room. Schell approached Gooden and in the stereotyped form told him that he was under arrest. Gooden appeared to submit to the demand and asked permission to finish his lunch, which was given. Schell commanded that he go with him and opened the door of the lunch room that faces to the south. Instead of following the officer Gooden darted into the dining room of the hotel and through to the office. Schell gave pursuit and reached the office simultaneously. Gooden was urged to accompany the officer, but refused. He doubted Schell's authority and demanded papers. In the meantime Schell sent a hackman up town for the sheriff.

At this point of the later dramatic scene, Gooden walked out doors, Schell following him. They both stood in the entrance to the hotel awaiting developments, when all of a sudden Gooden broke and ran. Schell called to him to halt but he paid no attention to the demand and continued to run up past the depot. Schell drew his gun, a five shooter, and emptied the weapon at the fleeing man, who ran out under the depot shade and up toward Auer's

place. He then proceeded toward the round house and disappeared in the darkness. While Schell was discharging his revolver at Gooden, Collier got his gun, a six-shooter, and ran out to bind the hotel and fired the contents at the man in the moon.

The shooting created wild excitement at the hotel and aroused many of the guests from their slumbers who thought that some one surely must have been murdered. Even the night workers at the round house came running, thinking that a horrible tragedy had taken place and their faces bore the expression of disappointment when they learned that there was no corpse to look upon.

How Schell ever missed killing the man is a mystery. He was in a few feet of Gooden, it is claimed, when the first shots were fired.

It is thought by many that Schell's marksmanship is bad.

A VIEW OF KANSANS.

Literary Instinct Is Prevalent in Kansas And the Love of Art and Music Is Active.

[Kansas City Star.]

It is claimed that one-half the students who attend the Kansas State university are self-supporting. There are probably less eads to the square mile in Kansas than in any state in the union. The Kansans have their faults—who of us have not?—but these do not lie in the direction of putting on airs and affecting a contempt for work. When a young man graduates from a college in Kansas he is certain to have a useful knowledge of the practical things of life. This is also true of the young women who attend the university, the agricultural college at Manhattan and the normal school at Emporia. At none of these institutions are the students taught anything which gives them fictitious ideas of life. They are fitted for the strenuous existence which has made Kansas the theater of such an admirable civilization.

This does not mean that the finer accomplishments are neglected. The literary instinct is prevalent in Kansas to a remarkable degree, and the love of art and music is active, as Kansas City has reason to know whenever entertainments of a rare order are given in this city. Nowhere in the union is there a finer equilibrium between the substantial qualities and what may be defined by the broad term of idealism, than in Kansas. This causes a high standard of achievement along all of the lines that contribute to the greatness of a community. While there is nothing dimly resembling dilettantism in Kansas, neither is there anything approaching indifference to or ignorance of the refinements of life or the more elevated spheres of thought.

The self reliance and sturdy manhood which were developed by the stress and struggle incident to the early settlement of Kansas still survive. The sharp angularity of the pioneers has been modified to a degree in their descendants, but the great prosperity, which the state has enjoyed within recent years and the wide diffusion of comforts in the home have not, in the slightest degree, weakened the character of the people. It has made them more agreeable without making them less interesting. The impulse for achievement and advancement is so thoroughly inherent in the Kansas people that it is doubtful whether it will ever disappear. It certainly will not fade out for many years to come.

A large number of the active men and women in Kansas at the present time are natives of the state. A host of young men in various responsible positions are graduates of the university at Lawrence and other state schools. They are admirable specimens of a hearty, earnest, intelligent manhood. They are, in themselves, the best examples of the true dignity of labor, and they feel all the greater satisfaction in their success, because it has been attained through their own efforts.

Why Do You Advertise?

The average small town merchant doesn't seem to understand that advertising is an investment. He thinks that advertising is indulged in simply to favor the printer—that is a sort of gratuity. The successful men of this country are the biggest advertisers. And they are seldom the sort of men who give out money without securing the worth of it. Ask the money-making business men of any town to what element of success they owe the most and they'll tell you, the printer's ink. No man ever has a check on trade that the honest dealing and continuous advertising will not take from him. The fact that a merchant is established does not entitle him to say that he doesn't need to advertise. Advertising nowadays is the life of commerce.

—Brown County World.

—R. S. Wells, of Lytton, Ia., formerly of this county, and father-in-law of A. A. Bower, was in Goodland this week visiting his daughter.

DEATH UNDER ENGINE WHEELS

Engineer Charles D. Sharrah Receives Injuries That Result Fatally—Accident Happened at Pueblo.

Charles D. Sharrah, a Colorado & Southern engineer, formerly with the Rock Island in Goodland, met with an accident Friday morning at Pueblo that resulted in his death Sunday morning. His engine was pulling a through freight and when he reached the Denver & Rio Grande yards in Pueblo he failed to see another freight train which was across his track until it was too late to stop his engine. The fireman jumped and escaped uninjured, but Sharrah was not so fortunate. He also sprang from the cab, landing on his head in a heap of cinders. His body bounded back in such a way that both legs fell under the wheels of the engine. His right leg was badly crushed and the left leg almost severed below the knee. He was taken to the Pueblo hospital and his left leg was amputated. His condition Saturday was quite hopeful, but he took a turn for the worse Saturday night and never rallied. He died Sunday morning. The locomotive was badly damaged, but did not leave the track.

Up to about a year ago Mr. Sharrah was employed on this division of the Rock Island and for a number of years he made Goodland his home. News of his cruel fate was received with expressions of deepest sorrow by his friends in this city. He was exemplary in habits and held the respect of a large circle of acquaintances. He was a member of the local lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Knight Templar and Eastern Star. He retained these memberships here.

When he left the Rock Island's employ a year ago he had just been promoted to engineer. The offer of a regular engine on the Colorado & Southern was the cause of his leaving the Rock Island. He came to Goodland nearly ten years ago and was employed as a fireman and continued in that capacity until promoted to engineer. He only made a few trips as engineer and then resigned to accept the place with the road in whose employ he met death.

He was married about two years ago and leaves a widow. Mrs. George Talbot, of Monticello, Minn., formerly of Goodland, is a sister of the deceased.

RAILROAD SPIKES.

J. C. Overholser has quit the shops. Yesterday was pay day on the railroad.

Brakeman Lewis was discharged last week.

Phil Michael is back at his duties in the depot.

W. R. Morton was a visitor at Denver Monday.

Roadmasters Lane and Bogart were here Tuesday.

Engineer Swearingin is laying off on account of sickness.

Foreman A. C. Adams was at Colorado Springs Monday.

Fireman Henry Yantes was off duty this week owing to illness.

Engine 893 was in the shops for light overhaul and came out Wednesday.

Ted Griffin, boilermaker, will leave for Horton Saturday for a short visit.

Traindispatcher Bullock is back to work after a short vacation spent in Colorado.

Conductor J. N. Hazelbaker is on passenger again. He was off duty owing to illness.

Operator B. B. Westcott is again at his desk, having recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

It is reported that Dispatcher W. A. Bennie will not return to Goodland. M. W. Skinner is in his place.

J. P. Casey, yardmaster at Phillipsburg, was married Wednesday to Miss Bertha Gebhart of that place.

Conductor Denney and wife have returned to Goodland. Conductor Hazelbaker having taken the passenger run.

Preparations for the conductors ball are progressing in good style. The invitations have already been sent out.

S. D. Johanson, formerly a freight conductor on this division, is now proprietor of the Elk hotel at Colorado Springs.

T. H. Taggart, who went to Omaha to receive treatment for the injuries to his face, returned home yesterday. He is improving rapidly.

The Rock Island commenced filling the ice house at this point Monday. The ice is brought by train from Alameda. They will put in 300 tons.

Chief Dispatcher W. A. Young was at Denver Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Charles Sharrah, but it being postponed he was obliged to return.

Round House Foreman W. P. Brinker has returned from Pueblo where he has been taking the mineral baths and is greatly improved in health. He has resumed his duties at the round house.

The funeral of the late Charles D. Sharrah, which was to have been held in Denver Tuesday, was postponed until Wednesday on account of relatives from the east who were unable to arrive Tuesday.

Engineer Charles Sharrah was insured for \$4,250. Superintendent Dyer of the Colorado Southern sent a message to Sharrah before he died saying he was exonerated from all blame by the company.

W. H. Stillwell, of Topeka, superintendent of the Rock Island west of the Missouri river, and F. C. Smith, division superintendent, of Colorado Springs, were here Wednesday and remained until yesterday. They were on an inspection trip.

The Rock Island has bought a hundred and sixty acres of land joining their station at Alameda. The people of Alameda now seem to be figuring on the removal of the round house from Phillipsburg, the repair shops from Goodland and the machine shops from Horton to that place.

It is reported that E. St. John, general manager of the Seaboard Air line, has tendered his resignation. No cause is given for the action of Mr. St. John, neither will he talk of his future plans. He was at one time connected with Rock Island road in the capacity of general manager.

A delegation of Goodland railroad men were at Denver Tuesday to attend the funeral of the late Charles D. Sharrah. Among those who went were: W. A. Young, chief dispatcher; Engineers George Fuller, L. K. Foster, Tom Kelly, W. Swearingin, B. W. Jacobs; Firemen L. E. Brinker, S. C. Adams.

Conductor J. W. Thomas has tendered his resignation. He made his last trip Sunday. Mr. Thomas is a good railroad man and has followed that line for 20 years, long before air brakes and automatic couplers came to lessen the more disagreeable duties of the trainman. He has been employed on this division the past three years.

Engineers and firemen on western railroads are renewing their vigorous warfare against the use of "double headers." In Indiana, Kansas and other states they will appeal to the legislatures to have the practice of using more than one engine in pulling a train legally ruled against, and in other states, it is said, they will prepare petitions to be presented to proper authorities.

Engineer Al Tapper was painfully injured at Limon Saturday night. The air pump was not working and Tapper was trying to repair it when it exploded, a part from the pump striking him on the left side of the face, making a painful wound. He was going west with 97 and the injury hurt him so badly that he couldn't continue the trip, so he returned to Goodland on No. 6. Engineer Hamilton, who was at Limon, took Tapper's engine.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Fred Cole has gone to Colorado.

Theodore Howard, of Colby, was in town Wednesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Emig, January 10.

Mrs. C. C. Young is in Denver for medical treatment.

W. F. McCune, of Colby, was in the city Tuesday morning.

Dick Auer spent a few days in Colorado Springs this week.

Mrs. A. G. Kaulitz left Monday evening for a visit in Grant City, Mo.

Dr. Roe Thomas was renewing acquaintances in Colby this week.

Jack Smalley has returned from several months' absence in Oklahoma.

Travelingman H. C. Wheeler, of Chicago, Sunday at the Depot hotel.

Gerald Goss, a 12-year-old Colby boy, was elected page in the state senate.

Allen Bayley returned to his home in Cripple Creek Saturday morning.

W. F. Beckett, representing Haney Bros., harness manufacturers, Omaha, Neb., is in town.

Mrs. R. B. Clark returned Wednesday from several weeks' visit with relatives in Trinidad, Col.

L. A. Carr and J. H. Sayles, of Shenandoah, Ia., nursery salesmen, are at the Commercial this week.

County Clerk A. D. Kummel left Tuesday evening for Topeka to attend the county clerk's convention.

Mrs. C. E. Wiley and Mrs. A. A. Bower entertained a few friends at the Bower home last Friday evening.

E. J. Soot and his sister, Miss Nellie Soot, entertained the Masons and the Inter Sess club at Masonic hall Wednesday night.

Ralph Tichenor, of Philadelphia, Pa., is staying in Goodland for the benefit of his health. He has been in Denver and is on his way home.

Jim Barnett, of the northwest part of the county, was in town Wednesday. He has killed 14 coyotes this fall and was in to collect the bounty.

I. H. Vanhook left yesterday morning for Harvard, Neb., where his family are at present. Mr. Vanhook will return to Goodland in two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aten returned to Goodland Saturday evening. They returned to Burlington, Col.; Tuesday for a few days' visit with Mr. Aten's folks.

Mrs. Day is very sick at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fry. She is afflicted with lagrippe and nervous prostration. It is thought she overdid in nursing Mr. Fry during his illness.

L. A. Fry, at one time owner of the Clayton ranch and a large herd of sheep, left last week for Oklahoma, where he hopes to replenish his fortune, having lost all his possessions in this county by bad investments.

Ray Johnson and wife, of Sharon Springs, were in the city Monday. They brought Mrs. Lane here to take the train for her home in Nebraska. Mrs. Lane is the mother of Mrs. Johnson and had been visiting her daughter.

John Riggs returned Wednesday morning from Gordon, Neb., where the family have been visiting old friends. Mrs. Riggs and the children did not return with him, but are expected in a few weeks.

George Bradley returned Wednesday morning from a trip to Pond Creek, Ok., with a part of a carload of horses. He left last Friday and the horses were shipped with a part of a carload of bank furniture shipped from here to Oklahoma last week.

SAMUEL FRY IS NO MORE.

Death Removes a Venerable Citizen After a Brief Illness—Was a Veteran of the Civil War.

Samuel G. Fry, a venerable citizen and a veteran of the civil war, is dead. His death occurred last Friday evening at six o'clock and is attributed to pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of lagrippe. He had been sick about a week, but was not thought to be in a dangerous condition until the day before his death when the disease took an unfavorable turn and he lapsed into unconsciousness, and remained in that condition until the end came. He was in his 50th year.

Samuel Fry was born in Pennsylvania in 1842 and would have been 59 years of age next November. He served three years and two months in the civil war and was wounded severely in the battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing, and for wounds and disabilities received in the service he received a pension. He was a tireless worker both in the G. A. R. and Modern Woodmen and was industrious and public spirited in all matters in which he was called to serve. Mr. Fry was a good citizen; a warm-hearted comrade and sympathetic friend.

The death of Mr. Fry marks the passing of one of the early residents of Goodland. He came to Goodland with the Rock Island railroad and for a time was in their employ as a freight conductor. When he left the road he engaged in the painting and paper hanging trade, a line in which he has since followed.

He leaves a widow but no children.

The funeral was held from the late home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J. Ed Stevens conducting the services. At the grave the services were in charge of the Modern Woodmen, to which organization Mr. Fry belonged. The G. A. R. was also in attendance as an order and marched in the funeral procession.

Mrs. Whitmore Is Dead.

Mrs. Helen S. Whitmore, wife of C. W. Whitmore, died at her home, No. 326 Green street, Topeka, last Friday. Mrs. Whitmore was 50 years of age and her death was caused by consumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore formerly lived in Goodland. Mrs. Whitmore was a leading worker in the Congregational church during her residence in Goodland. They removed to Topeka a number of years ago.

Initiating a Tenderfoot.

Lew Headley, of the Gaylord Herald, who was "one of the boys" in Kansas in the days when it was considered proper to lead tenderfoot a dog's existence, tells the following little incident of early times in the northwest: "Along in the early seventies a man by the name of Browne came out from 'York state' to take a look at the new country with the idea of taking a claim if he found anything to suit him. He ran across Perry Newell who took him down to his place for the night. The next morning they went out onto the plains in search of a claim and ran into a big herd of buffalo, the first the new comer had ever seen. 'Hello,' said Perry, 'here are my cattle, clear off our range. I'll have to get 'em back or the musked redskins will run 'em off.' The York state man, thinking to return the kindness shown him, volunteered to help Perry drive them in. He made a big circle around them one way and Perry pretended to go the other. When the stranger had got fairly around Perry gave a fair example of a war hoop, threw up his hat in the air, watched the buffalo run and then returned home to await developments. It was three days before Browne rode up to Perry's dugout, hatless and dejected, his pony ready to drop from fatigue, with the information that the cattle had gone off a hundred miles southwest, and he couldn't do a thing with them. The fellow took the laugh on him good naturedly, settled on a claim out on the edge of Norton county, and lived there for many years, contented and prosperous."

Senatorial Contests.

The contest papers in the case of Charles Baschow against S. G. Hopkins, in the Thirty-ninth senatorial district, and in the case of Bob Finley against G. B. Ross, in the Thirty-fifth senatorial district, were filed by Secretary of State Clark with Lieutenant Governor Richter Friday. Hopkins and Ross are both populists, and were elected by small majorities over the contestants, Baschow and Finley. Major Harvey is the attorney for Ross and Hopkins.

Important to Travelers.

Commencing January 1 the dining houses and lunch counters of the Rock Island Route, west of the Missouri river, will be under the direct charge of the dining car department and will be operated on same lines that have given the Rock Island dining cars their excellent reputation throughout the west.

TAKE THEIR PLACES.

New Officers Begin Their Duties at the Court House.

Commissioners Appoint Dr. Farrow County Physician and Health Officer—John Reed Named to Fill Vacancy in Superintendent's Office.

The new board of county commissioners organized Monday. The personnel of the board does not include any new members. Fred Dawson was re-elected chairman of the board. The other members are D. W. Dilling, of the First commissioner district and J. W. Germann, of the Third district.

The county officers, elect, assumed their respective offices without ceremony. They were required to file bond within 20 days after the date of receiving their certificates of office, and at the time of filing bond they took the oath of office.

G. L. Calvert succeeded P. S. Darling as probate judge. H. M. Heston commenced his second term as clerk of the district court, and in the county attorney's office there is no change. Hoyt Andrews entering on his second term. Fred Dawson also commenced his second term as county commissioner.

The commissioners appointed John R. Reed county superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Reed was elected to that office at the late election. He succeeds Frank L. Jones.

This unusual proceeding is due to the fact that the county superintendents recently elected are not entitled to take their official seats until May. This condition was brought about by a change made in the old law by the last legislature. Prior to this time the county superintendents elected in November and inaugurated in January have taken charge of their official duties in the midst of the school terms and more or less unfamiliarity with the work made the changes undesirable, in many instances. Mr. Reed's term in reality will not commence until May. It was in the power of the commissioners to appoint a successor to Mr. Jones from January to May when Mr. Reed's term would begin, so the vacancy was filled by naming Mr. Reed for the place.

The board appointed Dr. W. H. Farrow county physician and health officer. Dr. Farrow has held the office of county physician for several years, while the health officer's appointment was held by Dr. Smith.

Miss Nellie Marks and Mrs. V. W. Goodrich were appointed by the commissioners to conduct the teachers' examinations.

The board, by vote, made THE GOODLAND REPUBLIC the official county paper.

The board ordered the sheriff to parole Lewis Cullins and Ed Cole, serving a sentence in the county jail, at the expiration of their sentence which will occur to-day. Cole and Cullins had a bloody fight at a country dance. They were both sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay the costs of the trial. As there is no possibility of the county being reimbursed for the costs, it was considered best to release them when their sentence is completed, as the county would be relieved from boardings.

Fined for Impersonating a Bad Man.

Phil Volke, a barkeeper, was assessed \$10 and costs, amounting to \$16 in all, in police court Monday. He pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and disturbing the peace. Saturday night Volke took a liberal supply of the liquid in which he is called upon to serve in his barkeeping capacity, and then started out to do the town in company with his gun. In a north end resort he gave an impersonation of a real bad man by discharging his revolver in the ceiling of the room and at the floor. For thusly amusing himself he was arrested and fined, which he paid.

Gun Club Shoot.

The Goodland Gun club held a shoot last Friday afternoon. The score:

Phillips	2211110027	31
Buddison	122111222223	33
Sherman	115221222223	33
Young	115221222223	33
Reddick	111111222223	30
Rock	032212222223	30
Williams	110100222223	30
Kearl	2222111111	30

Rhodes Allen Married.

Rhodes Allen, formerly of this county, was married this week to Francis O. Middaugh, of New Paris, O. Mr. Allen spent several weeks here last summer visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. L. Calvert. He makes his home at Cripple Creek.

Teachers' Examination.

The next regular teachers' examination will be held in the court house Saturday, January 25, commencing at seven o'clock a. m. All wishing to take this examination will govern themselves accordingly.

J. R. Reed, County Superintendent.